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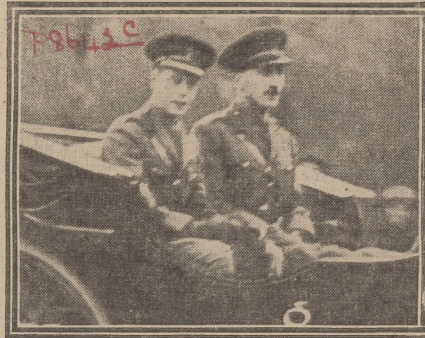
THE KING'S DRIVE TO PARLIAMENT.



The crowd acclaiming their Majesties. The cheers of the sailors were specially acknowledged.



Captain Cyril Asquith, who was married later in the day to Miss Anne Pollock (see pages 4 and 5).



The Prince of Wales was loudly cheered.



Dafadar Gobind Singh, the Indian V.C.

The new session of Parliament was opened by the King yesterday. His Majesty had an Imperial bodyguard of officers, in addition to the ordinary Household Cavalry escort, while a striking figure in the procession was Dafadar Gobind Singh, whose glorious heroism at Cambrai won for him the V.C.

MINISTER'S LOSS.



Captain the Hon. H. A. V. Harmsworth, M.C., Irish Guards, eldest son of Lord Rothermere, Air Minister, died yesterday of wounds received in the battle of Cambrai. Lord Rothermere's second son, Lieutenant Vere Harmsworth (R.N.D.), was killed in the battle of the Ancre on November 13, 1916. He has one remaining son—the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, who is a lieutenant in the R.M.A.

BOLG'S TWO WIVES IN COURT.



Mme. Bolo-Muller (Bolo's second wife) and Mme. Bolo-Soumaillies (Bolo's first wife). Further photographs of the trial, showing M. Caillaux in the box, will be found on p. 8.

WE MUST FIGHT WITH ALL OUR ENERGY.

"Our Just Demands Ignored," Says the King.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The King's Speech read from the Throne by His Majesty yesterday at the opening of Parliament was as follows:—

My Lords and Gentlemen.—The necessities of war render it imperative for me, after but a brief interval, to summon you again to your deliberations.

The aims for which I and my Allies are contending were recently set forth by my Government in a statement which received the enthusiastic approval of my peoples throughout the Empire, and provided a fair basis for the settlement of the present struggle and the re-establishment of national rights and international peace in the future.

The German Government has, however, ignored our just demands that it should make restitution for the wrongs it has committed and furnish guarantees against their unprovoked repetition.

Its spokesmen refuse any obligations for themselves, while denying the rightful liberties of others.

Until a recognition is offered of the only principles on which an honourable peace can be concluded, it is our duty to prosecute the war with all the vigour that we possess.

I have summoned representatives of my Dominions and of my Indian Empire to a further session of the Imperial War Cabinet, in order that I may again receive their advice on questions of moment affecting the common interests of the Empire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.—You will be asked to make suitable provision for the requirements of the combatant services and for the stabilisation of our national finances.

My Lords and Gentlemen.—The struggle on which we are engaged has reached a critical stage, which demands more than ever our united energies and resources.

I confidently commend to your patriotism the measures which will be submitted to you, and I pray that the Almighty may bestow His blessing on your labours.

FUTURE OF JERUSALEM.

In the House of Lords the reply to the Address was moved by the Duke of Atholl and seconded by Lord Trevelyan. Both peers have served in the war.

In the course of the debate the Marquis of Crewe said he hoped that the Allies would state the irreducible minimum to which they would agree, and without the attainment of which they would continue to fight so long as they had a man, a gun or a crown-piece.

Earl Curzon said a German victory would mean enslavement and bondage and the denial of the aspirations of our Colonies.

Whatever the ultimate fate of Jerusalem, it might be hoped that it would not revert to the Turk.

The present position of Rumania was due to her isolation. Whatever could be done for her would be done.

The ceremonial opening of Parliament yesterday was shorn of much of its pre-war brilliancy. The King and Queen drove to Westminster in a semi-state landau, and dense crowds along the whole of the route gave them a most enthusiastic welcome.

The landau was drawn by six bay horses, with an escort of Imperial Cavalry, and there was also an Imperial escort of British and native officers of the Indian Army and mounted officers of the Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and South African, Newfoundland and West Indian Forces.

The Prince left a few minutes before the King and Queen and received a great welcome from the sightseers.

CASSEROLE COOKING.

How to Prepare Hotpots of Eggs and Fish.

"Hotpot or casserole cooking is the most nutritious way of preparing food," said a dietetic expert yesterday to *The Daily Mirror*.

A tired appetite means ultimate bad health. Variety in food encourages the appetite.

A housewife consulted on the best ingredients for a hotpot said: "Vegetables are plentiful and cheap. Make the hotpot with layers of vegetables, and use sliced hard-boiled eggs instead of meat. Use fish if eggs are unobtainable. Make a good gravy from barley and tablets of soup."

"Children will have better complexions if they only eat vegetables and eggs."

An East End firm are selling twopenny bags of chipped potatoes, with directions: "Place bag in front of fire, and eat chips when warmed through."

MORE COKE FOR LONDONERS.

In view of the continuing supply of sufficient quantities of coke in the metropolitan area, the Council of Coal Mines announces that arrangements have now been completed by which consumers can obtain a quantity not exceeding five tons in any one case, in addition to the supply authorised under their requisition.

Application must be made to the local coal over-seer.



Brig.-Gen. H. C. Lowther, brother of the Speaker, who made his maiden speech in moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.



Cpl. Victor de Stambier, who was hanged at Wandsworth Prison yesterday morning for the murder of Captain Tighe at Winkfield Lodge, Wimbledon.

ASQUITH WEDDING.

Ex-Premier's Son Married to City Chamberlain's Daughter.

TINY TRAIN-BEARERS.

The crowds that gathered to witness the marriage at St. Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday of Captain Cyril Asquith, son of the ex-Premier, to Miss Anne Pollock, a daughter of the City Chamberlain, spread over the whole of Parliament-square.

The bride was attired in a shimmering satin gown in tulle above with a fine net veil and wore a huge cross pendant of cut crystal round her neck. Her train of silver and satin—one of the longest on record—was borne by two tiny children in old-world silver brocade.

In their free hands they carried posies of early primroses and snowdrops.

Behind, in a stately procession, walked six maids of honour gowned in metallic blue and silver. A silver helmet with earpieces held each blue floating veil.

They were Miss Elizabeth Asquith (sister of the groom), Miss Pollock (sister of the bride), Lady Joan Capel (daughter of Lady Essex), the Hon. Misses Goschen and Miss Seely.

NEW SPIRITS ORDER.

Protection Promised to Consumers from Present High Prices.

A representative of the Exchange was officially informed at the Ministry of Food yesterday that within the next few days an order will be issued fixing maximum prices for all spirits sold in restaurants and public-houses.

"By the new order the present high charges which are being made, especially in saloon bars, will be largely reduced, and the consumer protected against exorbitant charges."

BATTLE HERO'S TRAGEDY

Story of Confession of Drowning Wife's Baby in Tub.

Private Tom Pole, of Carlton, near Nottingham, was arrested last night, charged with wilful murder of his wife's illegitimate child.

Pole wore the Distinguished Conduct Medal for services in a wound, and was at Cambrai, after having served at Gallipoli, Egypt and Salonika.

It is stated that he confessed that he drowned the child in a dolly-tub in a jealous fit. The child was a year old.

A LIFE OF CRIME.

Wimbledon Murderer's Criminal Career Ends on the Scaffold.

The execution at Wandsworth yesterday of Arthur H. Victor de Stambier (twenty-five) for the murder of Captain Tighe at Wimbledon marks the climax in a life of crime.

Before he was fourteen he was bound over on a charge of stealing; a year later he went to a reformatory school for three years for burglary.

On his release his parents did their best to give him a new start, but their help and sympathy were given in vain.

Some months later they heard that he had been imprisoned in Australia.

Then he was not heard of until one morning he arrived in London.

His sorrowing parents offered to forgive the past, if he would try and "make good," but he refused to listen to their pleadings.

When war broke out he enlisted in the County of London Yeomanry, but deserted within a few weeks, was recaptured, and again deserted, and lived in London, where he committed various thefts, and had been "courting" several girls.

THE POPE AND PEACE TERMS.

In his sermon at Westminster Cathedral last night, Cardinal Bourne said that to our sorrow we learned a few months ago that our Government had entered into a secret treaty, one of the conditions of which was that in any negotiations for peace the voice and views of the Holy See should not be heard.

"No one has ever forgotten the Holy See but has had to pay the price."

If we were asking ourselves why the war was so much prolonged, might we not find the answer in the denial of the supernatural?

BREAD NEXT?

9,000 Tons Wasted Each Week—May Lead to Rations.

WHAT IS HOARDING?

There is a chance that bread may be the next food commodity to be rationed.

An official of a London food control committee who uttered this warning yesterday pointed out to *The Daily Mirror* that the daily wastage of bread by thoughtless people was very serious.

He declared that about 600,000 quarter loaves were more than £22,000 are wasted in this country every day.

"In a week," he explained, "this would total to more than 9,000 tons of bread."

"At this rate it is easy to conceive how great is the annual wastage of bread by the thoughtless."

"A great deal of wastage is caused by cutting off more bread from the loaf than is wanted at the time; by leaving crusts and by breaking the bread carelessly so that it makes a lot of crumbs, which are often thrown away."

The Ministry of Food is inundated with inquiries as to what constitutes food hoarding.

Here is the official notice:—"A fortnight's or three weeks' supply of any food having articles of food will not be considered excessive."

It is assumed that the three weeks' reserve supply allowed will apply to each article, and that as the stock diminishes it may be periodically replenished with a view to the maintenance of a two or three weeks' reserve.

This is regarded at the Ministry of Food as a very liberal interpretation of the order on food hoarding.

The Ministry of Food had not up to noon yesterday received any information as to the surrender of goods by food hoarders.

SERVICE CLUB FINED.

£200 Penalty for Exceeding the Meat and Sugar Limits.

At Bow-street yesterday Frederick Bennett, secretary of the United Services Club, Pall Mall, appeared to a summons for having exceeded in three separate weeks meat and sugar in excess of the maximum quantities permitted under the Public Meals Order.

For the defendant, Mr. Travers Humphreys admitted there had been slight excesses in the weeks specified, but pointed out that in other weeks the quantities used had been below those permissible under the order.

The magistrate said it was most important that an institution like the United Services Club should set a good example in connection with the food regulations. The defendant must pay a fine of £200 and £10 costs.

Farmer Fine £250.—John Scrambler, a dairy farmer, of Cambridge, was fined £250 and £65s. costs at the Guildhall yesterday in respect of adulterated milk.

DOCTOR'S VAIN SACRIFICE

Gave His Own Blood in Effort to Save Boy's Life.

A doctor's self-sacrificing but unavailing efforts to save the life of a child by allowing a quantity of his own blood to be transfused was appreciatively referred to at an inquest yesterday at Bristol on George Freestone, aged four, son of a soldier.

The boy, who was running along a passage, fell and cut his lip. The injury was slight, but owing to a physical peculiarity it was extremely difficult to stop the bleeding. When the boy was taken to the Royal Infirmary, Dr. N. Kemm, one of the staff, heroically offered some of his own blood, and although the transfusion was effected the child died. Accidental Death was the verdict.

6,000 MOTORS TO USE GAS.

Substitution Scheme Will Save 3,000,000 Galls. of Petrol a Year.

Evidence has been laid before the Gas Fraction Committee by manufacturers of flexible gas containers showing that 4,500 commercial motor-vehicles have already been equipped to use coal-gas instead of petrol, and that orders for an additional 2,500 all for business vehicles, are in hand for completion during the next few months.

Under 4 per cent. of the total deliveries to date have been to owners of private motor-cars, while no further orders in this category are being taken and practically the whole of the manufacturing processes are being carried out by woman labour. The estimated saving of petrol to be substituted of gas is already at the rate of, approximately, 3,000,000 gallons annually.

CONTROLLING PRICE OF PETROL.

The Board of Trade have just made an order limiting the retail price of all grades of motor petrol to 4d. per gallon, or a maximum of 5d. per gallon, above the cost to the retailer, and lamp oil to 4d. per gallon above its cost to the retailer.

No retailer will after March 1 be able to charge more than 5d. a gallon for petrol or 4d. for lamp oil above what he pays for them.

HUNS AGAIN INSULT

A BRITISH AIRMAN.

Dragged Through Ghent Streets by Germans.

AMAZING AIR FEAT.

Two Foe Machines Fly Meekly Back to Captivity.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—A brutal act committed by the German authorities at Ghent against a British airman is reported in a telegram to the *Telegraph*.

The airman was taken through the streets of the city, apparently with the idea of stirring up feeling against Great Britain among the population, some citizens having unfortunately lost their lives in the British air raids on German military establishments.

The result of this inexcusable treatment was not at all what the Germans expected. The crowds did not dare to cheer the airman, but there was no doubt as to their silent sympathy.—Reuter.

[Note.—It will be recalled that the Germans recently sentenced two British airmen, Captain Schultz and Lieutenant Woolkey, to ten years' hard labour for dropping leaflets and proclamations in the German lines.]

SURRENDER IN MID-AIR.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—A frontier telegram relates a remarkable capture by a British air squadron of two German aeroplanes in full flight near Ghent.

The British airmen surrounded their opponents who apparently gave up the fight and meekly flew away in a southerly direction with the British squadron.—Reuter.

31 RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—According to a Berlin official telegram thirty-one enemy air attacks on the German homeland were carried out during January, fifteen of which were directed against Lorraine and Luxembourg industrial districts and fourteen on the open towns.

On Ludwigshafen and Freiburg there were three attacks each, on Treves two attacks, on Friedrichshafen, Rastatt, Offenburg, Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Heidelberg one attack.

The telegram continues: "Five persons were killed and nine wounded, while the material damage done was insignificant."

[Note.—Heidelberg, one of the German towns bombed, is thirty-two miles north-east of Karlsruhe. It is famous for its university. This is the first mention of bombs having been dropped on Heidelberg.]

BILLIARDS LOAFERS.

Strong Comment by Liverpool Magistrates.

Sir Thomas Hughes made some remarkable revelations at Liverpool Licensing Sessions yesterday regarding the large number of young men who frequent billiards halls during the daytime.

When the magistrates visited the premises at three o'clock in the afternoon they found fifteen billiards tables all occupied by young men who really ought to have been in the Army.

These places are open from eleven o'clock in the morning till eleven o'clock at night, and the magistrates thought these hours would have to be curtailed. All the applications for renewal of billiards licences were postponed.

NEWS ITEMS.

The King's Red Cross Gift.—The King has given twenty-four framed prints from his collection to the Red Cross at Christie's.

"Beware of Saccharine."—Kensington Council quotes an authority declaring the use of saccharine should be restricted unless some process can be devised to render it harmless.

Married for Seventy Years.—Mr. and Mrs. Macgregor, of Aden, Lechlomondsde, celebrated the seventy-first anniversary of their wedding yesterday, each being ninety-eight.

W.A.A.C. Chief's Prophecy.—Miss Pratt, Deputy Controller for Overseas of the W.A.A.C.s, at a recruiting exhibition at Harrow yesterday said the time might come when women, like men, would have to be sent out at the will of the nation.

Queue Protests Cause Suicide.—Samuel Andrews, butcher, Wood Green, who disappeared from his shop while people in a queue were protesting against regular customers being served before those lined up, was found in the river at Hornsey yesterday.

LINGFIELD PROSPECTS.

There is promise of excellent sport to-day and to-morrow at Lingfield, the course is in excellent condition, entries are numerous, and there is a good arrival list. Crested has been taken out of action, Furdie has been reported as unlikely to run at the National Chase is well represented in the Surrey Chase, in which Price may make his first appearance in the 12.45.—COLDFEEN, 3.35.—CANUTE, 1.35.—DUGGIE, 2.35.—ANYSLIE, 2.45.—AWBEG.

DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY.

DUGGIE and AWBEG. BOUVIERIE.

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HOW THE WOMEN OF IRELAND HELP



Putting a wounded soldier's leg in plaster of Paris to cast a shape for making a splint.



Finishing various surgical requisites. The papier mache is made from rags and paper collected in the city. The women of Dublin are doing valuable work for the wounded at the Irish War Hospital Supply Depot, of which Lady Waterford is patron. There are 2,000 members who, free of charge, send 15,000 requisites weekly to the hospitals in the United Kingdom.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)

BRITISH SOLDIER ARTIST.



He draws posters for the revues and pantomimes produced by the men at the front. Shells have damaged his studio.—(Official photograph.)

A SILVER WEDDING GIFT.



Senator Marconi and Colonel Sankey, C.B., presenting Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Isaacs with a silver tea service.—(Exclusive photograph.)

IN THE PUBLIC EYE



Lady Cowans, wife of Lt. Gen. Sir J. S. Cowans, K.C.B., M.V.O., who has been mentioned for his very valuable services.



Lady Islington, who has been mentioned for her war work. Her house in Chesterfield gardens is a hospital for officers.

TRYING IT ON.

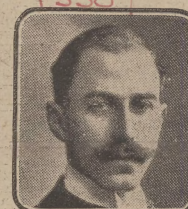


Hundreds of life-saving jackets are made, and are fitted on the workers after completion.

MAYOR JOINS VOLUNTEERS.



Alderman T. Bates, the Mayor of Darlington, being enrolled as a Volunteer. The town has raised a battalion in a fortnight.



THE ARMY'S HORSES.—Maj. Sir M. R. Burrell, Bart., to be Temporary Inspector of Remounts, with the rank of temporary lieutenant-colonel.

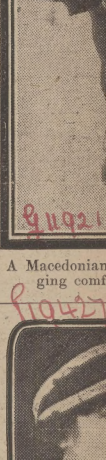


VISCOUNT PROMOTED.—Lord Acheson, M.C., to be Assistant Adjutant-General, while so employed.

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MISS NEWBERRY.—Miss Newberry, who has nursed at a hospital in France. Her late father was a locomotive engineer.



V.C. INVERNESS.—V.C. Inverness, who has been mentioned for his war work.

V.C. INV



Corporal Hutt, Coventry to be sent to him as a man in the city.

WAY TWO WAR WORKERS



Mrs. Cant, who is engaged in canteen work and entertaining the soldiers at Colchester. Her husband is a well-known rosarian.



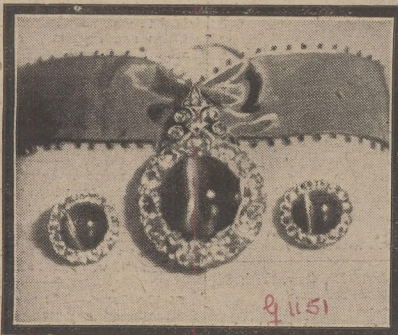
Miss Irene Russell, who is working at the club for Anzac officers in London. She has also done canteen work in France.

DIVISIONAL TRAIN INSPECTED.



Canadian Corps commander examines a rifle. Horses, harness, wagons, rifles, ammunition and gas-masks were inspected.—(Canadian War Records.)

LADY BYRON'S RED CROSS GIFT.



A "cat's-eye" diamond pendant with earrings, presented to the Red Cross by Lady Byron. Thirty years ago it was purchased for £1,500. Lady Byron hopes it will fetch more to-day.



VALUABLE SERVICES.—Lt. Gen. Sir H. E. Belfield, K.C.B., D.S.O. (colonel, West Riding Regiment), who has been mentioned.



V.C. MENTIONED.—Lt. Gen. Sir R. E. W. Turner, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who has rendered very valuable war services.

HE'S ALL RIGHT ONCE HE GETS THERE



The smallest soldier in the Canadian Army requires assistance when getting into the saddle. He is only fifteen, and enlisted in Vancouver in November, 1914. He was a bugler.—(Canadian War Records.)



Prince Arthur of Connaught, with French generals and other Canadian officers, looking towards Souchez. Two of the generals were at the capture of the town.—(Canadian War Records.)

LONDON'S NEW PLAYWRIGHT—A BARRISTER'S SUCCESS.



Mr. Roy Byford and Mr. Ben Nathan.



Pogrom! Miss Helen Temple and Mr. Paxton.

"The Little Brother," which has been successfully produced at the Ambassadors Theatre, is by "Mr. Benedict James," who is better known to lawyers and Judges as Mr. Bertram Jacobs, of Lincoln's Inn.

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THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

IN spite of a very wise provision of pageantry for our Colonial guests and others, rather "mained rites" marked the opening of Parliament yesterday; and it was obviously and laudably the desire of all concerned to get to business at once, in view (as the King's Speech put it) of that "critical stage" of the war "which demands more than ever our united energies and resources."

The right note was sounded there.

We must either "prosecute the war with all the vigour we possess," or stop the war with all the diplomatic skill at our command. If the materials for negotiations do not exist, the means of fighting do.

The diplomatic method, however, can always run parallel with military energy; as President Wilson's latest speech has served to remind us, by its careful discrimination between the utterances and general tone, of Counts Czernin and Hertling; between the Austrian spokesman and the German.

Clearly President Wilson could and would "talk" with Count Czernin. Clearly, too, he would agree with the King's Speech yesterday, where it points out that the Prussian rulers of Germany "refuse any obligations for themselves, while denying the rightful liberties of others." It is something that he feels able to make the distinction referred to. He shows himself the perfectly open but very skilful diplomatist we know him to be, in alluding, in such careful terms, without arrogance, to the Austrian dependency upon the German Gott who is Moloch. With each new speech he makes, we feel, not indeed that President Wilson is quite without illusions, but that he will know how to take advantage of diplomatic possibilities in Europe far more cleverly—just because also far more sincerely—than our own diplomats have hitherto done.

The rest of yesterday's business in the House of Commons was expected to give opportunity for our leaders and their critics to review the situation; or at least to silence certain hysterical complaints to the effect that grave private intrigues are impeding the supreme military efficiency in which a long-suffering public are only too ready to recognise and to applaud when they see it translated into action. And Mr. Asquith did in fact put the question about the powers of the Versailles Council with the moderation he has admirably observed since he left office.

We note that *The Times* yesterday suggested it was a case for a plain statement; for the public is uneasy when the air is full of foolish rumours.

No further light, however, was thrown on the question of the functions of the Council; but the ardour of fulminating military correspondents breathing out threatenings and slaughters everywhere, and at the same time loudly complaining that they "cannot defend themselves," may be calmed, we hope, by hearing that whatever was decided at Versailles was decided unanimously—by consequence, with the infallible consent of great soldiers.

Perhaps that may allay the rising storm in the tea-substitute cup of furious strategists, and we may be able to get to business, as the King's Speech so wisely recommends us to do without delay.

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

Feb. 12.—It is quite an easy matter to obtain an early supply of rhubarb. Strong roots may be lifted from the open and placed in the greenhouse; if kept moist and in darkness growth will be rapid.

If a plant is not available, cover some of the walls with large tubs and heap warm manure or litter around. Remember to dig up a few old rhubarb roots each year; divide them and set back in fresh ground.

E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

He that cometh to seek after knowledge with a mind to scorn and censure, shall be sure to find matter for his humour, but none for his instruction.—*Bacon*.



Miss Gladys Abdy, working at the American Office in London.



Miss Kitty Hain, daughter of Lady Hain, often singing to the wounded.

THE KING AT WESTMINSTER

Mr. Lloyd George's Autobiography—An interesting Engagement.

THOUGH THE OPENING OF Parliament by the King was shorn of most of the old-time spectacle, there was, I thought, more than a touch of subdued splendour about the ceremony. The King was in naval uniform, and

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

The King in the Mall.—While I was waiting in the Upper Chamber a friend of mine saw the King and Queen riding along the Mall on their way. The King—he reports—was looking well, and smiled affably as he took the salutes of the crowd.

Tossing the Pancake.—This friend says: "Afterwards I looked in at Westminster School to see the ancient ceremony of the tossing of the pancake. The huge hall was crowded, and when the frying-pan with the pancake was carried in there was a moment's breathless hush."

The Winner.—"A moment afterwards it was tossed high in air, brushing the rafters. It fell—and there ensued the usual scrimmage. It lasted, I suppose, about two minutes. Then the prize fell to E. Gomerz,

Beauties.—I saw some distinguished women at St. Margaret's, when Miss Anne Pollock was wed yesterday. Lady d'Abernon came with her husband, and I also noticed Lady Gainsford, the Quakeress.

The Bridegroom.—Captain Cyril Asquith was supported by Mr. David Davies as best man. Mrs. Asquith came with her sister, who was helped out of the carriage, being lame through an accident, by Master Anthony Asquith and Sir Algernon West.

Still Sir John.—Admiral Jellicoe drove his wife in an open car, and was almost unrecognised in muff. Lady Jellicoe spoke of him to me as "Sir John" still, although he has been written of as "Lord Jellicoe."

The Real Ranger of Windsor.—Although the King recently decided to hold the office of Ranger of Windsor Great Park, formerly held by Prince Christian, the work of the post is carried out by Colonel Claude Willoughby, who is also a Groom-of-the-Bedchamber.

Not a Sinecure.—The post is by no means an easy one, as the Ranger has to supervise the game, timber, planting, the various Crown houses and the engagement of the employees. It keeps Colonel Willoughby mighty busy.

Naval Engagement.—Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour's second son is engaged, I learn, to Miss Evelyn Smith-Ryland. He is a lieutenant, R.N.V.R.

Warwickshire.—This engagement will be of particular interest to my Midland readers, for the Smith-Rylands of Warwickshire are a power in those parts.

Rumania's Queen.—I learn from a member of the Rumanian Legion that the Queen of Rumania is rigidly superintending the rations of the Royal Household at Jassy. Meat is scarcely seen on the table, and bread is only served three times a week. Food grousers, please note!

Girls and Cookery.—At an Oxford-street stationer's I met a lady buying a war-cookery book. "I want to give it to my girl as a birthday present," she said. "All girls of ten and twelve are mad on cooking; and some are hoping that the war won't be over till they are old enough to do canteen cooking."

For Burning Purposes.—This sad tale reaches me from Dorset, where a London lady landed unaware of the habits of the people. Wanting some firewood, she was rejoiced to see in a window the announcement, "Chips and faggots for sale." (End of Part I.)

What They Were.—Asking for some, she was told they would not be ready till the evening. But, alas! when she returned she found that the "chips" were hot and fried, so were the "faggots," a kind of rissole.

The Real Ibsen.—In spite of public denials by other parties, which nearly led to a law suit, Mr. Austin Fryers maintained, when I met him the other day, that "Realities" is genuine Ibsen. As I was the first to tell you about this hitherto unknown sequel to "Ghosts," I was glad to hear it.

At the Court.—The play will be presented for the first time on any stage at the Court, and Miss Madge McIntosh will have a tragic part, that of Mrs. Alving.

A Circus for London.—I met Commendatore Volpi yesterday, who some years ago was Signor Volpi, of the Royal Italian Circus. After the war he tells me that he intends to run another circus in London. The Royal Italian was at Hengler's, now the Palladium, for two and a half years.

Art Patron.—I am not surprised to see Lord Leverhulme made an honorary member of the Institute of Painters in Water-Colours. He is a liberal and discriminating buyer of anything good in the picture line, as the walls of his Hampstead home testify.

The Maid of the Mountains.—I fought my way into Daly's Theatre on Monday night through a storm of enthusiasm, when the "Maid of the Mountains" celebrated her first anniversary. Miss Jose Collins has certainly proved to us that comic opera can beat revue when it likes.

THE RAMBLER.

WHEN FOOD RATIONS ARE IN WORKING ORDER.



We shall still be able to dine with our friends presumably. But we shall have to carry round our dinners, without ceremony.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

the Queen's dark gown was relieved by three ropes of pearls and a flashing diamond ornament. A few paces off stood Lord French, holding the crown.

The Prince.—A notable figure was the tall, clean-lined Prince of Wales, in Staff officer's uniform. He sat in a gilt chair to the right of the throne, and in the quarter of an hour before his parents arrived he chatted with the Lord Chancellor and other notables.

A Short Speech.—It was a short King's Speech, and every word was followed in a tense silence. I noticed that the Queen cast a sympathetic glance at the King more than once during the reading.

Walked with the Premier.—Mr. Lloyd George, who had driven up with Lord Derby and Mr. Bonar Law, came with the faithful Commons to hear the Speech. He came into the Upper House with Mr. McKenna, and I thought he looked well and even radiant.

Wounded Guests.—I caught a glimpse of Mr. Soames at Westminster with a party of wounded. Sir Edward Coates, Lord Islington and Mr. Hayes Fisher walked.

a young King's Scholar. Dr. Gow, the headmaster, made a judicious referee."

Premier's Autobiography.—I am able to impart to you an interesting literary announcement. Mr. Lloyd George, amid all his burdens, is writing his own story of his life. I believe that the autobiography is half finished.

A Slow Process.—Probably the book was begun before the present turmoil, for the Premier is a very fastidious literary worker, and corrects and rewrites with infinite care. The page is black with alterations.

A Barrie Novel.—And here is another literary secret. Sir J. M. Barrie, I am credibly informed, has gone back to his first love, and is writing another novel.

Under contract.—The reason why Sir James has not written anything but dramatic work for the last few years is that he was under contract to the late Charles Frohman, who wanted his whole output. Being released by the famous manager's death from this obligation, he is writing novels again. For which all Barrie-ites are thankful.

Watch these columns to-morrow for a further fine instalment.

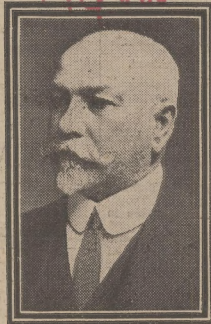
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PORTTRAITS OF PINTEREST.



Mrs. William Leeds, a wealthy American widow, who has been married in Switzerland to Prince Christopher of Greece, a brother of the dethroned Tino.



Col. Colenbrander, drowned while acting in a film depicting the rescue of the defenders of Bork's Drift. He commanded Kitchener's Scouts in 1910.

MUNITION WORKERS VISIT THE FRONT.



A party of munition makers visit the British front in France and see for themselves how their work can bring victory.—(Official photograph.)

IN NEWS.



Hazel Daly, who is playing the leading parts in a series of films. She is popularly known as "Honey" in the U.S.A.



Mr. Charles Pears, the official marine painter to the Admiralty, photographed while with the Fleet.

DECORATED WITH A MASCOT.



The girl captain of a munition workers' football team in the Midlands decorates a head of the firm with the eleven's mascot before a match.



NEW PARIS MODEL.—A blue satin toque, adorned with hand-painted roses and covered with tulle.

EARL AS A CADET.



The Earl of Drogheda, who is shortly joining a cadet corps. His wife is taking her aircraft exhibition to America.—(Poole.)

SCENE FROM THE EMPIRE REVUE.



Miss Ellen Revol, Mr. Jay Laurier and Miss Gence Wallis in the scene "I should have said No," in "Here and There," at the Empire.—(Bassano.)



WOMEN LAWYERS.—The Hon. M. Buckmaster, a war worker. Her father, Lord Buckmaster, will introduce a Bill to permit women to practise as solicitors.



FOR HER WAR SERVICES.—Miss N. Lister, a nurse at the Uppingham Military Hospital, Rutland, who has been mentioned for her valuable services.



WANTS TO PLEAD.—Miss Helena Normanton, B.A., a University extension lecturer, who is seeking admission to the Middle Temple as a student.



FOUR HONOURS.—Maj. the Hon. Francis Grosvenor, Lord Ebury's younger son, who has won the D.S.O., the M.C. with bar and the Croix de Guerre.